

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 3 as follows. A marked-up copy of Claims 1 and 3 is also attached. All of the pending claims in this application are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Twice Amended) A recording medium comprising:

a substrate having two surfaces;

an ink receiving layer containing an inorganic pigment; and

an outermost surface layer containing a thermoplastic latex resin, in this order,

wherein said ink receiving layer and said outermost latex surface layer are

provided on both surfaces of the substrate and the outermost latex surface layer forms a

transparent film upon heating of the recording medium.

2. (Not Amended Herein) A recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein

the inorganic pigment comprises alumina hydrate.

3. (Twice Amended) A recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the

difference in the amount of coating between said ink receiving layers on the two surfaces of the

substrate is equal to or less than 15 g/m^2 .